

If the economy continues on its current path, what is the first step you would take to reduce spending? Would you cut jobs in that effort?

Last year we trimmed our budget quite a bit, but I feel that there are some areas that can still be trimmed. I have spoken out about the City paying architect fees for the police building until the referendum is decided. I feel that we need to look at the city jobs that are directly affected by the economic downturn. I also feel that the citizens expect and deserve the highest level of service from the City for the taxes they pay.

How, specifically, can voters distinguish your approach from your opponents' on economic development? On job growth?

I would work with the City Council to develop a written incentive program that focuses on attracting businesses that provide services and products that the citizens of Plano currently have to leave town to buy. This incentive program will be on our web site for the world's business community to see. Plano Economic Development Corporation also should have this incentive program on their web site.

I remember when Plano was "The Biggest Little Industrial City in the World" and I would work to restore our job base. I would work to attract the "green" manufacturing companies that will be created to move our country forward in the energy field. I feel that we should work with the developer of the recently approved industrial park to accomplish this goal.

My economic goals are: Expand and diversify our economic base
Retain and strengthen existing businesses
Initiate partnerships with local businesses and educational institutions to encourage economic development training.
Capitalizing on location advantages, such as transportation access or education facilities to promote economic development.

How will Waubensee Community College's new campus affect the city's economic future? What should the city be doing to promote development near the new campus?

I feel that in the mixed use area that the college is locating their campus will be attractive to developers to locate businesses. The City can provide a community infrastructure plan to make the retail property accessible to all forms of transportation.

At least one mayoral candidate expressed concerns about the cost of the new police headquarters. Do you agree with the city's planning and execution of the project? Do you believe a new headquarters is needed?

I was the only Alderman to vote against the police building. I disagreed with the planning because not enough cost effective options were presented to the city council. The building that was presented was originally designed as a community center. This design has a curved masonry wall that added unnecessary costs to the building. I

researched police buildings in Illinois and found that the City of Monmouth, which is similar in population to Plano, is building their police building for \$1.8 million. Their building is not as large, but it is 7 times the size of our current building. The Monmouth building also has the feature of a heated garage. With the building that is proposed for Plano all of the squad parking is outdoors. During the winter the squads in use are constantly running to remain frost free and ready to roll. This is a waste of fuel and taxpayers money.

I believe that we need a new building. I feel that a building can be designed that will be less expensive and provide for the needs of the citizens of Plano.

Without an incumbent running, the city will have new leadership no matter who wins. What previous experience qualifies you more that your opponents to lead on day 1?

I have a proven record of listening to the citizens of Plano and taking a common sense approach to the issues. I have taken the time to research the issues that affect the City. I am retired and I am available to perform city business for as many hours as necessary.

I have introduced the Safe Routes to School Grant Program to the City of Plano. This grant if awarded provides up to \$350,000 of federal money to the city for infrastructure and non-infrastructure improvements to encourage kids in K-8 grades to safely walk or bike to school. This grant has been available since 2005 but no one on the City Council pursued this grant until I did.

One candidate has followed my lead on the police building issue. I have also given another one of my opponents information about the federal appropriation process.

What other issues do you believe will shape the city over the next four years?

Commercial development will be a continuing issue.

The deterioration of City streets.

The amount of homes foreclosed in the City.

The remediation of the Monarch Foundry site.

The continuing concerns of the economy's effects on our citizens.